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In the claims of the above-identified application, please cancel claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10, 17, and 18 and amend claims as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A highly compact and portable absorbent article comprising:  
a packaging; and  
an absorbent article reconfigurable from a normal condition to a compressed condition;  
said absorbent article having three dimensions at least one of which is reduced when said absorbent article is in said compressed condition;  
said absorbent article occupying a volume of space that is reduced by at least about 30% when said absorbent article is reconfigured from said normal condition to said compressed condition; and  
said absorbent article being retained by said packaging when in said compressed condition.